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25X1 6. [] - JGO) Met with Mr. J.R. Blandford, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee staff, and covered several matters with him. I returned two letters, one from []

with "yes" and "no" margin notations to the many questions asked of the Chairman and requested by Mr. Blandford. I agreed with his conclusion that the Chairman should not respond to either of the letters, both of which relate to allegations made by Colonel Goleniewski.

I advised Mr. Blandford that the MI-4 Soviet helicopter mentioned in the briefing last week is an old line Soviet helicopter and not in any sense a new item of equipment.

Mr. Blandford was most appreciative of the copies of the NEW YORK TIMES articles of last week relating to the Agency and commented with regard to the Friday editorial, which mentioned Agency influence in selection of Committee members, that since the CIA Subcommittee is made up of the senior Committee members, any influence would have to have been at the polls in the election of the members.

A tentative appointment was made for meeting of the Director and the Chairman for Thursday morning at 7:15 at the Chairman's office with regard to the Heine v. Raus case. I gave to Mr. Blandford, a copy of the NEW YORK TIMES Ben Franklin item of 3 May entitled, "Suit on C.I.A. Asks White House Step", for the Chairman and briefed him on the fact of the conversations and meetings with Representative John E. Moss (D., Calif.) Chairman, House Government Operations Subcommittee.

While I was with Mr. Blandford, he received a call from a Mr. Gorey of TIME Magazine inquiring about H.R. 14590, the Agency bill pending before House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Blandford reviewed the bill briefly in general terms and related to the travel, medical and other authorities covered therein. He noted his understanding that the bill in large measure amends existing authorities and does not include any provisions that are not already available in other legislation. In response to a request for a detailed analysis, he suggested Mr. Gorey contact the Agency directly for the reason that the Committee staff has had such a schedule of hearings that they have not as yet familiarized themselves with the details of the bill.

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